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SUBJ: RUMORS OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST ROC.

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1. WE OF COURSE HAVE HEARD SPECULATIONS AND RUMORS OF POSSIBLE SANCTIONS EFFORT AS ONE OF SEVERAL ANTI-ROC ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO PRC. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION HERE THAT PRC PLANNING ACTION SUGGESTED REFTEL, WHICH THEORETICALLY COULD TAKE FORM OF CALL FOR UN TO APPLY SANCTIONS TO COPE WITH THREAT TO PEACE FROM REBELLIOUS TAIWAN PROVINCE, ETC.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT PRC LIKELY CONTINUES, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, RESTRAINT ON ISSUES THAT WOULD BRING THEM INTO DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH USG; THAT PRC HAS MORE URGENT CONCERNs HERE AT THE MOMENT; THAT PRC WOULD DESIRE BEFOREHAND TO LAY GROUNDWORK AT LEAST AMONG SOME RADICAL DELEGATIONS, AND THAT SOME OF LATTER EFFORT WOULD HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. AS TAIPEI POINTS OUT, SANCTIONS EFFORT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND WOULD BE VECTABLE. LEAVING QUESTION OF VETO ASIDE, 1972 SC CONFUSION DOES NOT OFFER SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN LIKELIHOOD OF SUPPORT FROM NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS THAN 1971 COUNCIL. (SUDAN AND GUINEA REPLACE BURUNDI AND SIERRA LEONE; YUGOSLAVIA REPLACES

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POLAND, PANAMA REPLACES NICARAGUA, AND INDIA REPLACES SYRIA. SC PRESIDENT FOR FIRST FOUR MONTHS IN 1972 ARE, RESPECTIVELY, SOMALIA, SUDAN, USSR, AND UK.

3. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT ALTOGETHER RULE OUT PRC URGING SANCTIONS AGAINST TAIWAN AS TAKEN OF "PRINCIPLED" STAND EVEN WHILE EXPECTING NO IMMEDIATE RESULT. MILITATING AGAINST THIS MIGHT BE CONSIDERATION THAT FROM PRC POINT OF VIEW, UN HAS DECIDED THERE IS ONLY ONE CHINESE GOVT AND PEKING MIGHT NOT WISH TO HAVE "INTERNAL" PROBLEM OF TAIWAN AGITATED IN UN WHERE ROC HAS SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF FRIENDS. GP-3.

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